



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



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# CDA Web Alert

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## **CDA participates in CPS Job Shadow Day & Tour**

Today, the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) hosted a group of students from the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Career and Technical Education program. The visiting high school students expressed an interest in careers in Aviation.

CDA First Deputy Commissioner Michael Boland welcomed the students to O'Hare International Airport and presented an overview of Chicago's airports, the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) and the CDA's green initiatives.

CDA Staff then met one on one with students who had expressed an interest in the following careers: Architecture, Public Safety, Communications, Graphics, Facilities, Culinary Arts, and Information Technology. The staffers shared information about their job focus and responsibilities within the CDA.

The students also learned about the unique on-site, state of the art Nationally Accredited Quality Assurance Materials Testing (QAMT) Laboratory dedicated to the O'Hare Modernization Program. The lab tests the soil, aggregate, bituminous mixtures, and concrete. The materials are then sorted, recycled and reused on various projects on the airfield.

The students were given an exclusive airfield tour of O'Hare, where they were able to witness a bird's eye view of the operations of one of the largest and busiest airports in the country.

The CTE is a high school level program that offers access to a broad spectrum of programs in 11 different industry areas. CTE prepares students through industry-focused technical instruction and work-readiness training.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com) to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit [www.airportgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportgoinggreen.org).

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit [www.oharemodernization.org](http://www.oharemodernization.org) to learn more about the OMP.

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